

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cord which is a single core optical fiber cord having an outer diameter of 1.2mm or less, and has a structure in which an optical fiber core wire having a resin coating is provided at the center, a tensile-strength-fiber layer is provided around the outer periphery of the optical fiber core wire, and a coating layer is further provided around the outer periphery of the tensile-strength-fiber layer,

wherein the coating layer is composed of a non-halogen fire-retardant resin, and

wherein the coating layer is formed by a composition in which 18-60 parts by mass of ammonium polyphosphate is blended with 100 parts by mass of a resin component containing at least one selected from the group consisting of polyamide-series thermoplastic resins, polyamide elastomer-series thermoplastic resins and polyester elastomer-series thermoplastic resins, and wherein the bending modulus of the resin component of the coating layer is 500 to 1,300 MPa.

2. (Previously Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) The optical fiber cord as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the ammonium polyphosphate is one that has been surface-treated.

4. (Currently Amended) An optical fiber cord which is a single core optical fiber cord having an outer diameter of 1.2mm or less, and has a structure in which an optical fiber core wire having a resin coating is provided at the center, a tensile-strength-fiber layer is provided around the outer periphery of the optical fiber core wire, and a coating layer is further provided around the outer periphery of the tensile-strength-fiber layer,

wherein the coating layer is composed of a non-halogen fire-retardant resin, and

wherein the coating layer is formed by a composition in which 18-60 parts by mass of a fire retardant, which consists of ammonium polyphosphate and a nitrogen-containing compound, is blended with 100 parts by mass of a resin component containing at least one selected from the group consisting of polyamide-series thermoplastic resins, polyamide elastomer-series

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thermoplastic resins and polyester elastomer-series thermoplastic resins, and wherein the bending modulus of the resin component of the coating layer is 500 to 1,300 MPa.

5. (Original) The optical fiber cord as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ratio of said ammonium polyphosphate to the total amount of said ammonium polyphosphate and said nitrogen-containing compound is 50 mass % or more.

6. (Original) The optical fiber cord as claimed in claim 5, wherein said ammonium polyphosphate is one that has been surface-treated.

7. (Original) The optical fiber cord as claimed in claim 4, wherein the nitrogen-containing compound is at least one selected from the group consisting of melamine cyanurate, polyphosphoric acid amide, tris-(2hydroxyethyl) isocyanate and melamine.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Canceled)

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SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

During the interview of June 21, 2004, the Mogami reference was discussed, particularly the nature of the plastic contemplated by Mogami. Incorporating the numerical limitations on bending modulus of Claims 8 and 9 to the independent claims was discussed.